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BLOOD AND/OR BODY FLUIDS

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**TRANSMITTAL OF ENGLISH-LANGUAGE TRANSLATION OF
THE INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT**

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Dear Sir:

Applicants hereby submit an English-language translation of the International Preliminary Examiner Report issued in connection with PCT/EP2004/012177, from which applicants claim priority.

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